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Remembering Our Heroes, Annual Houston Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony

The Houston Fire Department, the Houston Fire Museum and the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund will honor HFD heroes who are gone, but not forgotten, during the Annual Houston Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony, March 15, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Houston Firefighters' Memorial Garden, 4225 Interwood N. Parkway off JFK.

The annual ceremony, recognizes not only those members who have passed away in the line of duty, but also every HFD firefighter who is "gone, but not forgotten." The ceremony will take place in the beautiful garden located on Pension Fund property paying tribute to all firefighters. The garden includes pavers, benches, the "Wall of Honor" and a breathtaking statue ("The Rescue").

Mayor Bill White, United States Congressman Kevin Brady, Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, HFRRF Chair Kevin Brolan, Houston Professional Firefighters Association, Local 341 President Jeff Caynon, and Executive Director of the Houston Fire Museum Emily Ponte will give remarks. Mariana Oyanguren, from HTV - Houston Television will be the Master of Ceremony and Father Troy Gately from the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral will give the benediction. Grand Prairie Council Member Rick Sala will give a special presentation in recognition and appreciation of retired HFD Deputy Chief L.O. Martin who recently passed away.